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Dear Ms. Baskin,

On the one hand, the name Sustainable Water Management Initiative (SWMI) sounds impressive. However, I am saddened to learn that the amount of water that is considered safe to withdraw will likely be too much and increase the odds significantly that our river beds go dry during times of drought.

Please don't allow that to happen.

Also, I share the IRWA's concerns with the permitting of withdrawals and the baselining process.

Sincerely,

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